(d) what other steps are proposed to be taken to safeguard the interest of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJAIAH); (a) Yes, Sir. Certain proposals for strengthening the provisions of the Factories Act the better enforcement of Safety Standards in factories are under consideration Social Security Acts like ESIC Act. EPF Act Workmen's Compensation Act, and Maternity Benefit Act and Payment of Gratuity Act already provide benefits of health insurance (including employment injury and maternity) provident fund and gratuity to the workers in the orgnised sector. A suggestion for making a suitable provision in ihe the payment of Gratuity Act for compulsory insurance' employers' liability for payment of gratuity was considered at the Indian Labour Conference held on the 25th and 26th November, 1985.

(b) to (d) The recommenda tions Iconelusions of the Indian Labour conference are being finalised. These recommendjations will be considered for implementation.

Iron ore mines Orissn

2948. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of iron ore mines in Orissa which have fallen sick during the last three years;

(b) what are the reasons for the sickness of these mines;

(c) what are the locations of these iron ore mines; and

(d) what steps are being taken to revive these mines?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (c) Information relating to the exact number of private iron ore mines and their falling; sick in Orissa is not readily available. Iron Ore Mines are located in Gumi-Badampahar. Gandhamardan-Daiiari-Tomka and Barajamda Sectors. According to the available information nine iron ore mines stopped production since 1-1-1983 till date. Seven of these were subsequently reopened during this period. The reasons for discontinuance of mining operations have been attributed to accumulation of stock due to sluggish demand.

(d) Efforts have been made by the MMTC to increase the export of iron ore from tlie region. After taking into account the availaEility of iron ore from its captive mines SAIL meets its requirements by purchases from private mines through the MMTC.

Export of Wheat

2949. SHRr K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government propose to export wheat to some foreign countries; and

(b) if so, *Ihe* quantity and value of wheat to be exported and the names of the countries to which it is to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) FCI has entered into contract for export of 5 lakh tonnes of wheat to USSR and 50,000 tonnes to Vietnam as commodity loan besides supply of one lakh, tonne to drought affected African countries as gift. It has also been decided to give a further loan of one lakh tonne of wheat to Vietnam, Export to USSR i3 in accordance with the Trade Plan Provisions ^concluded between India and USSR.

20-सूत्री कार्यक्रम के तहत बैंकों द्वारा वितरित ऋण

2950. **श्री हुक्मदेव नारायण यादव :**
श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :

क्या **वित्त** मत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान किन-किन राष्ट्रीयकृत और राष्ट्रीयकृत